

***Amendments to the Specification***

On page 58, please replace paragraph [0248] with the following paragraph

[0248]:

[0248]        Thus, segments of *C. famata* VKM Y-9 genomic DNA have been isolated which show characteristics of ARS elements, such as an increase in transformation frequency and stabilization of the resulting transformants. The corresponding inserts were isolated and three inserts were characterized by use of restriction analysis. The nucleotide sequence of a *C. famata* ARS element (SEQ ID NO. 1) carried on plasmid pCfARS 1614 is shown in Figure 15. The nucleotide sequence of another *C. famata* ARS element (~~SEQ ID NO. 1~~) (SEQ ID NO: 3) carried on plasmid pCfARS16 (p16) is shown in Figure 20.